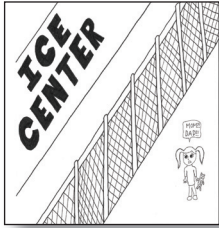


OPINION



Why voting matters to college students

Whether you are a democrat or republican, we as Americans have the right to vote or not to vote. Statistically speaking, younger generations neglect the importance of this simple task.

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ENTERTAINMENT



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SPORTS

Jones football hosts Pearl River



Football is halfway through the regular season, as the Bobcats will host their homecoming game against divisional

opponents and rival school, Pearl River Community College in another installment of the “Catfight” on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Bobcat Stadium at Sim Cooley Field.

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Duck Search!

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Mental health matters

Students discuss mental health awareness on campus



One-third of Jones students surveyed said they suffer from anxiety or depression. National statistics reflect a higher number. Photo ILLUSTRATION BY KARMEN DAVIDSON

TORI ELLIS
NEWS EDITOR

(Disclaimer: Names have been changed to protect those who wish to remain anonymous.)

Mental health has always been a “behind closed doors” type of conversation, especially with young people. A majority of students suffer from anxiety/depression and express how it affects their daily lives and takes a toll on schoolwork, yet they have a feeling of embarrassment toward expressing their struggles.

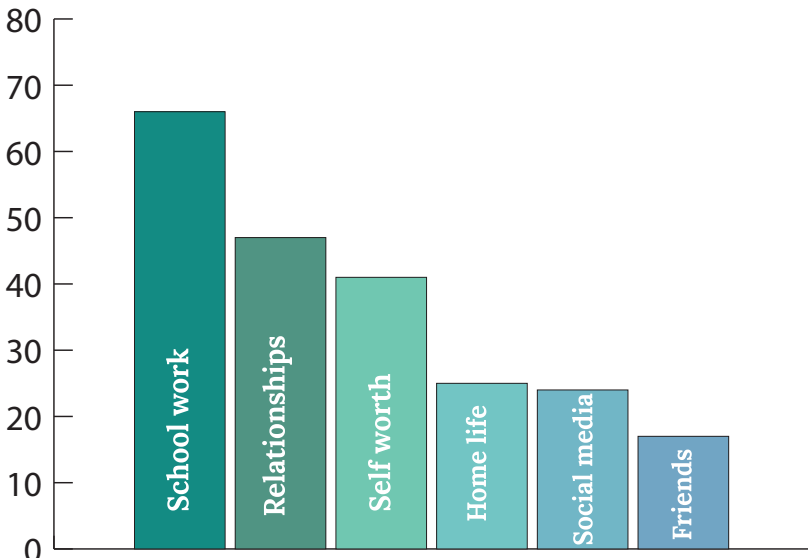
“The topic is so shunned, and people associate mental health with being locked up in a psych ward. It’s crazy to me because almost everyone struggles with some sort of anxiety or depression or worse,” said Jane Smith, a nursing student at Jones.

Smith was diagnosed with anxiety along with her ADHD and struggles mainly with social settings.

“It took a lot of courage to be open with other students and friends as well as a counselor. I was so concerned with being perfect, making straight A’s, and not letting anyone down, but in the

We asked JCJC students...

What causes the most stress in your life?



end, I was only hurting myself by not seeking out help,” said Smith.

Jones offers free counseling services on campus for the convenience of its students. Sarah Jones is the counselor and encourages any student to visit if they feel the need.

Tara Sui said she recently took advantage of campus counseling and had positive results.

“I had been feeling low for several months and finally went to receive

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Nursing students ace NCLEX-RN exam

HEIDI BOOT
STAFF WRITER

Jones College’s Associate Degree Nursing class of Spring 2019 inspired many with a 100% passing rate on the first try of taking the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

JC’s competitive nursing program is five semesters in length. It consists of lectures, discussions and clinical demonstrations in preparation for the NCLEX-RN Exam.

The NCLEX-RN exam is compiled of questions and scenarios which tests the student’s ability to care for a patient in a healthcare workplace. This exam is infamous for its difficulty in the medical community, but it couldn’t compete against the work ethic of this graduating class, explained a nursing administrator.

“We want students to come in and get what they need to be successful from us, but it also has to be up to them,” said Erin Knight, Nursing Division chair. “This group was hungry. They wanted to do the best they could do.”



ADN class of Spring 2019 includes Courtney Bass, Jessica Byrd, Madelyn Cooley, Kaitlyn Cox, Karrigan Eidt, Megan Fewell, Emily Frometa, Carlie Guthrie, Andrew Hargrove, Lauryn Hicks, Katelyn Ekes, John Holland, Jessica Ingram, RaNeisia Jordan, Kristi Kavanaugh, Brandi Logan, Marli Malone, Kimberly Graves, Bethany Poole, Leigh Stubbs and Dalton Walley. PHOTO SUBMITTED

The 21 nursing students of Spring 2019 went through rigorous testing, leadership training, and labs with the goal of becoming a certified nurse at

the forefront of their priorities. Thus, the students had been equipped take

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Students, clubs participate in Fall blood drive

MICHAEL BLANKS
FEATURES EDITOR

Jones College was happy to welcome Vitalant, formerly known as United Blood Services, to campus for the traditional Fall blood drive.

The blood drive, held in the D.O. Thomas P.E. Building from Sept. 23-Sept. 25, was met with a wide reception from students and faculty who were willing to donate blood.

Many students were able to drop by during their busy schedules in order to make a charitable

donation to Vitalant. Some students had previously given blood while others were brave enough to donate for their first time. Sophomore Terrence Rivere regularly donated blood and did not hesitate to take the opportunity to do so again.

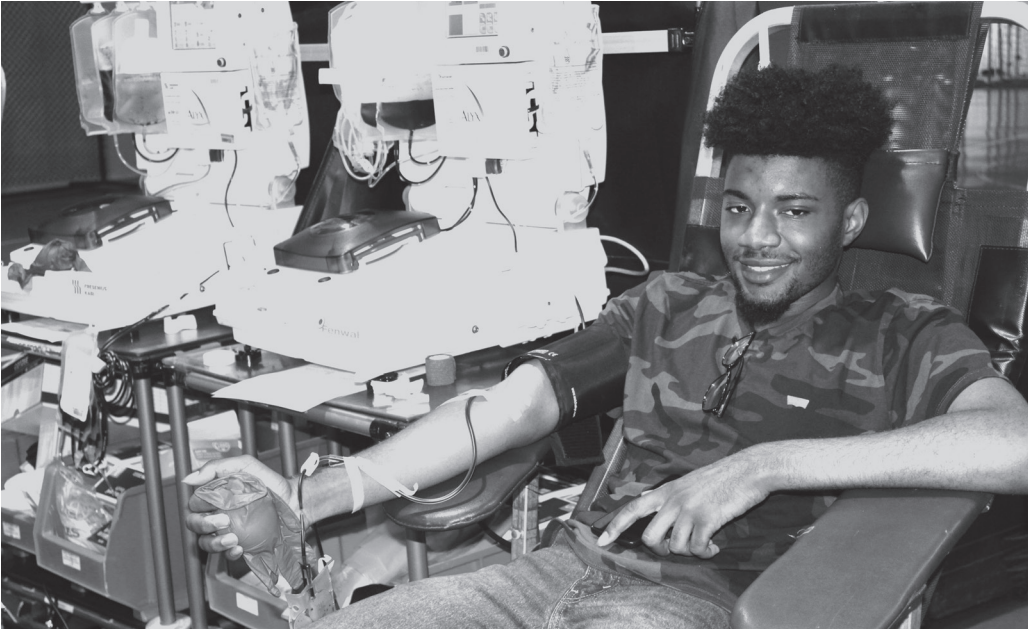
“It is my way to give back,” Rivere said. “I was in an accident once, and I was able to receive blood because of donations.”

Vitalant was also met with the aid of members from the Jones College nursing program as well as Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). Nursing students made

sure that donors were well nourished after donating blood and awarded each of them with a personalized t-shirt in order to officialize their donation. PTK member Ryan Beech said he was happy to have the opportunity to help.

“I think it is a good thing to donate blood,” Beech said. “It drives my choice to be here.”

Vitalant greatly enjoyed their time meeting all of the kind-hearted students who gave up their time in order to save a life. For any further questions regarding Vitalant, contact ebush@vitalant.org.




Solomon Page gets his blood drawn in the D. O. Thoms P. E. Building. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Bobcats plan homecoming activities for October 5

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Saturday, October 5th

9:00 AM Alumni and Friends Brunch, Terrell Tisdale Library Reunion Registrations

10:00 AM Homecoming Parade, begins at Terrell Tisdale Library

10:45 AM Pep Rally, C. L. Neill Student Center

11:30 AM Alumni Luncheon, A.B. Howard Gymnasium Honoring Alumni of the Year

11:30 AM Tailgating Under the Tents, Sim Cooley Field
RSVP by Wednesday, September 25th, (601) 477-4145, \$10 per person

1:30 PM Pre-game Band Show, Bobcat Football Stadium

2:00 PM Football Game, Jones College vs. Pearl River

Halftime Presentation of Honor Alum and Homecoming Court

For more information contact (601) 477- 4145

Homecoming Reunion Celebrations 2019
Friday, October 4th

5:00 PM JCJC Class of 1955 Reunion Dinner, C. L. Neill Student Center


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9:00 AM Alumni and Friends Brunch, Terrell Tisdale Library
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EHS Class 1960-1965 Reunion
JCJC Class 1969 50 Year Reunion
JCJC 1979 Football Team/Cheerleader Reunion

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TORI ELLIS
NEWS EDITOR

Any college football fan knows that Homecoming is the best day of the season, and the parades, parties and eventful activities on campus are only half the fun.

Homecoming is a time to reflect and enjoy the traditions of the school as well as celebrate the alumni of Jones.

“I’m thrilled to be involved in homecoming and getting to volunteer at some of the events this year,” said sophomore student Teri Pitts. “The feeling of fall is finally starting to relieve us of this Mississippi heat, and all the students are excited and ready to watch the game.”

This year, the Bobcats will go head-to-head against their archrival Pearl River Community

College on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium at Sim Cooley Field. Jcjc. tv will televise the game and SuperTalk Radio will also air the game on their station, 99.3 FM, for those unable to attend.

“Homecoming is always a rush because we don’t know what we are playing or doing for our performance and the parade until the last minute. Last year the band had a 16 hour day due to our exhibition, so I’m hoping this time I can relax more and enjoy the festivities,” said Max Burge, an alto saxophonist of the Maroon Typhoon.

The crowd is expected to be larger than most home games because it is on Saturday instead of a Thursday.

“I think homecoming is more about alumni and not the current students. It’s celebrating their

homecoming to their Alma Mater, and I’m really excited to see some of my old friends who have already graduated because they will be attending the football game,” said Pitts.

The court will include Jasmin King as Homecoming Queen, Abby McNeil as Student Body Maid, Ashley Allen and Taniya Young as Sophomore Maids, Dariyel Johnson and Caidyn Crowder as Freshmen Maids, Ethan Cummins and Jada King as Mr. and Mrs. JC.

“This is my first year at Jones and I’ve never been to a game before. I’m so excited for Homecoming and all the traditions,” said Skylar Gentry, a freshman from the Delta.

Tickets for the game can be purchased upon arrival and are free for students when they show their student I.D.

PTK works to crush the stigma behind CTE programs

JORDAN BUTLER
OPINIONS EDITOR

Phi Theta Kappa, a service and honors organization at Jones College, is on the mission to both crush the belief that an academic route is for everyone and to encourage students to enroll in a Career Technical Education Program as part of their Honors in Action project.

Jones College has a variety of academic majors as well as technical programs in which students can enroll. Many students decide that

an academic pathway is not the right fit for them, so they enroll in a CTE program that Jones offers. However, there is a negative connotation associated with CTE, and PTK is determined to understand where this misconception originated.

Honors in Action, or HIA, is a large part of what makes PTK an honors society, along with its devotion to service. HIA focuses on bringing local and global issues to light and encourages students to research and develop a plan on what they can do to fix that problem. This year, HIA has focused on

those devoted to a career and technical pathway.

After extensive research, PTK members involved with HIA have found that an unfortunate stigma surrounds CTE - whether that stigma is that CTE is for those less intelligent or that those who receive a degree or certificate through CTE do not make a satisfactory wage. All these misconceptions contradict the truth about CTE. A vast array of knowledge is required in any CTE program, which includes nursing, welding, cosmetology, precision manufacturing, robotics

and many others. Salaries are also incredibly promising, especially if one decides to further their education, improve their experience, or even start their own business with the skills they’ve learned.

PTK’s HIA team plans to bring light to what it means to be a student in a CTE program and how valuable these students are to society. They will continue researching and developing a plan to reduce the stigma behind CTE, encourage CTE members to become part of PTK and embrace the efforts of CTE members.



Robotics is an example of a CTE program that offers a good salary. The average national pay is \$81,000, according to payscale.com. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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help from a doctor,” said Sui. “Being able to talk out loud to someone who understands and is there to help you is the best feeling I’ve ever had. I walked out of my first session and I could finally breathe again! Please go get help if you need it, do not allow yourself to suffer.”

Spending time outdoors, being social, exercising,

playing with animals, deep breaths and meditation, reading and keeping busy, and journaling are all wonderful ways to relieve the symptoms of depression and anxiety and have helped Sui stay on track with her mental health.

“I’ve come a long way and am so proud of that. I feel like myself again and hope people will read this and know that they are not alone, said Sui. “That was always my biggest fear

was that I was the only one dealing with these symptoms, but that is not the case. Almost everyone I talk to about mental health expresses that they too have had their own battles.”

Reasons for seeking out help can include stress, anxiety, depression, difficulties with school or relationships, loss of a loved one, sexual assault or abuse, low self-esteem, time management and even test anxiety.

In a survey conducted of several English classes at Jones, 34% of those polled said they struggle with mental health, with anxiety being the highest (54%) and depression second (34%). Less than half of students questioned said they feel comfortable going to school functions alone. The places that cause the most anxiety when attending alone are sporting events, social events and the cafeteria.

Stephanie Green, one of

the psychology teachers at Jones, encourages students to ask for help because they are not alone.

“According to recent studies, 42% of students have experienced symptoms of anxiety and 36% have experienced symptoms of depression,” said Green. “The environment a student grows up in, as well as their current circumstances can influence moods, stress levels and happiness. It is also known that

neurotransmitters contribute to behaviors and feelings. This is why it is suggested to not only get help by counseling, but also medications.”

To make an appointment, call the Student Affairs office at 601-477-4070 or stop by to speak with a counselor. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. All counseling is confidential.

Nursing students

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on patient care in a multitude of environments.

Marli Malone, JC nursing alumna, attributes this success to the faculty at JC.

“Our teachers are amazing. They’re right there with us throughout the whole process. They show every day that they care about us,” Malone said.

The faculty, along with their high expectations, is the key distinction between Jones and

a university nursing program, according to Knight. Graduates obtain an associate’s degree in nursing instead of a bachelor’s, but there’s no difference in starting pay or licensure exam taken.

Interviewers love hiring Jones graduates because

of the preparation they receive, Malone explained.

“They know we get a lot of experience, and we’re very prepared,” Malone said.

In a competitive job market such as nursing, job security is essential. This nursing program

has provided graduating classes with the skills and knowledge to achieve a 100 percent employment rate after graduation, explained Knight.

Malone, a current Intensive Care Unit nurse, is grateful for the knowledge and confidence

that JC instilled in her. This has allowed her to thrive in a workplace environment.

The one piece of advice that Malone would give to an aspiring nurse: “Definitely come to Jones! It’s a tough program, but it is so worth it. It makes you into a great nurse.”

Jones College welcomes Smith into Fine Arts

MICHAEL BLANKS
FEATURES EDITOR

In late February, Jones College inducted Bruce Smith as the director of Jones Fine Arts. Bruce Smith has hit the ground running with his many ideas and fresh perspective on the arts. Smith is a native of Jones County, graduating from South Jones High School and going on to pursue dreams in the performing arts. He quickly broke free from his roots and found himself performing in Nashville. In 1993, Smith would even go as far as doing theatre in New York where he sang on Broadway. In his time doing Broadway in New York, Smith took up many

different roles. Some of the biggest roles that he landed was as Doody in the famous musical “Grease” and Jacob Marley in “Scrooge.” Smith is clearly no amateur in regards to the arts. As the director of Jones Fine Arts, Smith takes an administrative position over the Fine Arts department as he places oversight on what the department has to offer. He played a crucial role in the stunning redesign of the M.P. Bush Fine Arts Building lobby. Smith greatly enjoys getting to meet the different kinds of students who come into the Fine Arts department. One of his most memorable moments so far from being

a part of Jones was getting to direct the gospel choir’s performance over the summer. The group was composed of students who volunteered their free time to share a singular beautiful voice. “We have made so much progress in such a short amount of time,” Smith said. “I’m excited to see just how far we could grow in the span of years.” After accomplishing so many wondrous feats, Smith was able to return back to his hometown and reestablish himself in the Jones College community. Smith is a stellar example who shows that greatness can come from anywhere and no dream is too out of reach.



Bruce Smith stands next to the Jones College logo in the redesigned M.P. Bush Fine Arts Building lobby. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Women and Men’s fashion: Who withstood the times?

FASHION PHASE
by Michael Blanks

Throughout time, clothing styles have been ever-changing. These styles tend to change as society changes, with certain items becoming more or less socially acceptable. Fashion has always been different between men and women no matter what time period. Just how has the test of time affected both genders? In regards to women’s fashion, all clothing started out having some extreme form of modesty. Women were so oppressed that wearing anything that went above the ankle would be seen as committing a crime. This set a standard of beauty that said only women who were obedient and conservative could be seen as an accepted member of society. Women who chose to be dissidents were ruled out as being provocative and unbecoming. It is only in recent years that women have begun to accept that it is okay to embrace every part of themselves despite what models and magazines say that they should look like. This has allowed for an abundance of styles to open up for women in all different shapes and sizes. Men’s fashion has shown no extreme growth throughout time. In earlier years, most men were either in business attire or work uniforms,

both of which required little maintenance. With little but lack of variety to restrict them from wearing what they wanted, most men never really felt the need to wear anything other than what suited their needs. As time progressed, men generally stuck with the basics along with a few accessories and rarely branched out of casual attire. In fact, men who seem to have any sense of fashion are seen as too effeminate and snobby. Since men have a more laid-back approach on fashion, there seems to be much fewer options for them to wear as compared to women. Since most clothing brands typically target women as their prime audience, most brands tend to have limited options for men that are anything more than basic. This also has to do with what a man might be willing to wear, as again, they do not want to appear as if they care or else that might hurt their masculinity. As more men are learning to break free from this masculinity-driven mindset, men are starting to gain their own sense of fashion similar to the way that women have throughout time. Women and men have both had to learn to accept themselves in order to truly wear what they want to wear. The changes in fashion can reflect changes in the world. One thing that will always remain certain is that being fashionable will never be just a phase regardless of gender.



SGA officers Sarah Mason, Otoniel Duran and Jazmin King join together in front of the water fountain. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

SGA officers face the new school year

MICHAEL BLANKS
FEATURES EDITOR

Student life is a very important aspect of the college experience, especially at Jones College. With the many activities going on practically every single day, there is always something for students to do. These festivities are the prime time for a student to communicate with others and forge new friendships. The Student Government Association (SGA) is what makes many of the activities for Jones students possible. The SGA brings together an amazing collection of individuals who genuinely care about their campus and want to see everyone

thrive. If there is any school event going on, many members of the SGA can be seen either lending a helping hand or supporting those that are involved. Every year, SGA elects three of their members to fill in special roles. Sophomore Jazmin King is beyond excited to take on the school year as SGA secretary. King is from Bay Springs, where she attended Bay Springs High School. As secretary, she runs all social media accounts for SGA. She also keeps track of all SGA meetings as well as the town hall meetings. Together with her other officers, King aids in developing activities for

students. As vice president of the Student Government Association, Sarah Mason plays a crucial role in making sure students are heard. Mason is from Raleigh and a graduate from Raleigh High School. Mason oversees the town hall meetings that the SGA holds and makes sure to take note of all student questions and concerns in order to direct them to the correct authorities. She also makes sure that the student section at sports events, better known as the “Bleacher Creatures,” are as hyped as the players out on the field. “Being involved at Jones is easy. There’s a club or organization for almost

anything,” Mason said. “Get out and be involved because you are only as successful as you want to be.” Lastly but certainly not least, Otoniel Hernandez serves as the SGA president. Hernandez is from La Vega, Dominican Republic, but attended high school at Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg. As president, Hernandez serves as the voice of the student body and works with his fellow officials to help resolve current issues on campus. “Student Government Association is for the students,” Hernandez said. “We want students

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Hayes focuses on both school and work

BAILEY MORRIS
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

There are many students who attend Jones College and have a job, including sophomore Tyrikus Hayes, who is a full-time student and works. Although being a full-time student while having work responsibilities can sometimes be stressful due to not having enough time to focus on education, Hayes remains dedicated to maintaining both. “The reason I will remain a full-time student is because I have set goals in my life that require me to finish my undergraduate degree on time,” said Hayes. Hayes is taking 19 hours at Jones College, majoring in chemistry with a focus on premedical science.

Hayes is in Rho Sigma, plays the clarinet in the band and tutors. Being in clubs and organizations can take up time throughout the week, causing Hayes to get distracted from school and work. “The only way I can keep up with my task is by setting time limits for what needs to be done and to pre-plan my day when I wake up,” said Hayes. Hayes works between 18 to 22 hours per week at Dollar General. At times, it gets stressful for him between staying on top of things in class and maintaining a job. Throughout the week, Hayes tries his best to finish all of his homework so he can work on the weekends. “I spend about four hours a day on homework

and studying. Since I’m so privileged to only have to work on the weekends, I have all the time I need to complete most of my homework during the weekday,” said Hayes. Many in college choose or need to have a job

to support themselves. Some may find it difficult with keeping up with their classes while trying to work. However, it is important for students to make sure that they are on track and stay focused on the future, said Hayes.



Tyrikus Hayes organizes the stock at Dollar General. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS



Cortland Goff and Chelsea Musgrove sport modern-day casual attire. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BLANKS

It Chapter Two horrifies theater goers

JORDAN BUTLER
OPINIONS EDITOR

The horrifying sequel of “IT” hit theaters Sept. 6, and the adaptation of Stephen King’s novel has dominated the box office, generating a whopping \$37.4 million opening day.

“IT Chapter Two” follows the clown-conquering kids of the first film, except this time they’re all grown up – and back to their old journey from 27 years prior. The film depicts the terrifying murders of Pennywise, a clown embodying pure evil, and how the Losers Club will stop at nothing to destroy the petrifying evil that haunts Derry. The film

brilliantly introduces itself by Mike, a member of the Losers who has remained in Derry for the past 27 years, speaking an ominous monologue that sets the tone for his and his fellow members’ journey that’s to come. However, before the now-grown losers get their introduction, the film immediately opens with a wrenching and homophobic attack, which of course would not be complete without Pennywise. This scene already puts viewers in an unsettling mood – an accomplishment the film makes ten times over.

Each character has perfectly embodied qualities that viewers can easily

tie back to the first film’s childhood heroes. Viewers also get a glimpse of what the former Losers have chosen as a career and where they are currently in their lives, all of which perfectly alludes to the first film. The movie, as obviously expected, was full of frightening, and suspenseful scares that left viewers on the edge and eventually jumping out of their seats. However, the characters did offer a bit of comical relief by throwing in a few scenes where the film, in a way, makes fun of itself.

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It Chapter Two hit theaters nationwide at the beginning of September. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Post Malone’s latest album tops the charts



MUSIC MATTERS
by Jordan Butler

Post Malone is quite possibly one of the world’s biggest names in music right now, and his new chart-topping album “Hollywood’s Bleeding” only contributes to the pop star’s ongoing success.

The title track opens with an almost eerie echo of vocals followed by the singer’s notorious gruff voice which transitions into a well-known beat full of bass typically found in some of the star’s most famous songs. “Saint-Tropez” features the vocalist’s rough tone as he howls some of the lyrics. “Enemies” almost immediately allows listeners to put themselves in the crowd of a Post Malone concert with the singer rapping alongside a smooth, chill beat with DaBaby.

“Allergic” initially starts off with the same smooth vibe but swiftly transitions to a quick, upbeat tempo while later transforming to a slower beat that allows listeners to truly hear how versatile Malone’s voice is with a refreshing falsetto.

exquisitely complement the lead singer’s tone. “On the Road” fully envelops Malone’s confidence through the same beats that perfectly just work alongside the lead’s vocals, as well as Meek Mill and Lil Baby who are also featured on the track.

“Take What You Want” also features some fairly popular stars including the Ozzy Osbourne and Travis Scott. The track in itself is a powerhouse with Osbourne and Malone’s voices perfectly meshing together, and it includes a seriously intense and electric guitar solo. The song also prompted a few memes across the internet with fans questioning “Who is Ozzy Osbourne?”

“I’m Gonna Be” features Malone confidently chanting about just being yourself with a beat that’s sure to instantly put listeners in a good mood. “Staring at the Sun” features SZA, which presents an excellent and melodic contradiction to Posty’s rough vibrato in the upbeat track.

Fans plan, then ‘storm’ Area 51

HANNAH MORGAN
EDITOR

Naruto runners, Reddit users, The Kyles with Monster Energy drinks and Minecraft beds: Meme creators and anime enthusiasts across the country came together on Sept. 20 to raid the infamous Air Force facility, Area 51, and each one of these people played a crucial role.

This past summer, the idea of “storming” Area 51, a United States Air Force facility in Nevada, grabbed the attention of millions nationwide. With the confirmation of the air base in late 2013, the thought of having an alien friend spiked conspiracy theorists and meme creators’ interests.

The base has been the product of many conspiracies since the late 1940s, with reports of “Unidentified Flying Objects” sightings in the wide Nevada valley. In 1986, Robert Lazar reported to a Las Vegas television station, saying that he “worked at a

mysterious site called S-4 near Area 51 to reverse engineer crashed flying saucers.” Of course, this is only one example of millions that have since circulated the internet.

A Facebook page for the event was created this past summer titled “Storm Area 51, They Can’t Stop All of Us.” With a list of over 1.5 million people marked interested and 2.1 million attending, it’s crazy to think that the Air Force wouldn’t know of the group. The spokeswoman for the training facility, Laura McAndrews, stated that the Air Force was aware of the Facebook group. McAndrews also released a statement to the Los Angeles Times. “As the spokeswoman for the Air Force, any attempt to rush Area 51 will be an ill-fated endeavor.”

The United States Air Force issued a warning to all “raid goers.” The government agency stated in an interview with The National Public Radio, “The Nevada Test and Training Range provides flexible, realistic and multi-dimensional battle space to test and develop tactics as well as conduct advanced training in

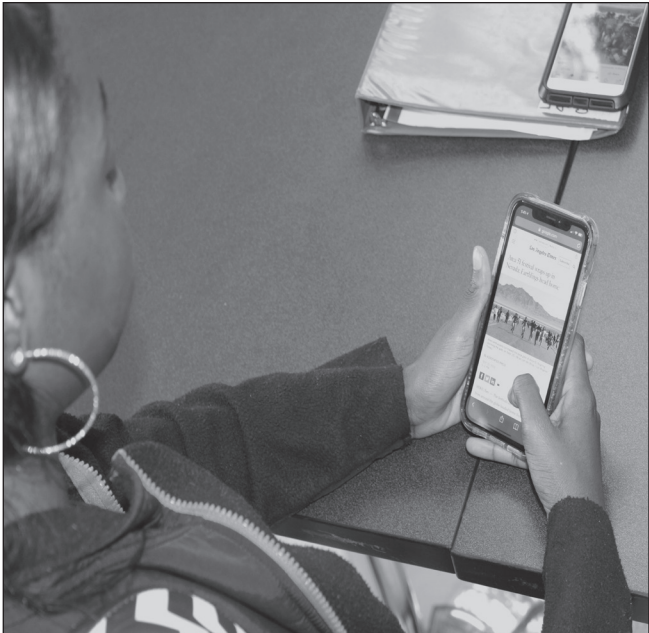
support of U.S. national interests. Any attempt to illegally access the area is highly discouraged.”

Jimmy Donaldson, also known as MrBeast, a popular You-Tube personality with 24.2 million followers worldwide, took his camera crew and stayed near the Area 51 facility for 24 hours. After scouting the area, MrBeast and his crew noticed a truck, with a potential sniper, looking at them. “So, we’re trying to spend 24 hours in Area 51, but there’s a sniper in a truck looking at us.”

However, they only heard aircraft flying overhead and to their disappointment, no UFO sightings. After climbing a nearby mountain and planning out locations for the previous stated people to go, MrBeast said that, “anyone watching the video should not follow in his footsteps in scouting out the classified facility.”

Proving that the raid wasn’t a joke, people began to trickle in on Friday Sept. 20, along with several news reporters. Although 2.1 million people signed up, only a few thousand

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Freshman Delasha Williams looks at group photos taken at Area 51 in September. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

Marvel Studios and Sony Pictures cancels partnership, causing Spiderman removal



Marvel Mania
by Hannah Morgan

“With great power comes great responsibility.” Every Spider-Man fan knows this quote by heart, and it’s something the creators of the Spider-Man films should as well. The Sony and Marvel Studios partnership has tragically come to an end, and with that comes the removal of our teenage superhero, Spider-Man.

The devastation from fans erupted on every social media platform. On Twitter, the hashtags “Boycott-Sony” and “Save-Spidey” were number one on the trending page in America. Twitter users used this as a way to express their genuine reaction to the split.

One person took to Twitter to say, “Tony Stark didn’t die to save Peter Parker, for Sony to take him out of the MCU!”

Others who expressed their suffering used more colorful language and included gifs from Marvel Studio’s Endgame.

It was revealed that Marvel Studios president, Kevin Feige, would no longer release Spider-Man movies, as Sony and Marvel could not create new terms for a co-financial contract.

It wouldn’t be a terrible idea for either of the two studios to “stage” an automatic removal of one of the most loved teenage superheroes. The aftermath of this announcement broke millions of fans’ hearts worldwide, so the idea of this being a planned removal is unlikely.

However, considering the relationship between Sony Pictures and Marvel Studios, this heartbreaking split has been in the works for a while. Former Sony chair/Spider-Man producer Amy Pascal has been quoted saying that “the deal wouldn’t last past Spider-Man: Far From Home.” Feige and Pascal



Freshman Molly Doss reads the removal article from Sony pictures. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

could never agree wholly on one idea for crossovers with the MCU.

All of this was cooking in the oven at the same time fans gathered in theaters to watch the beloved superhero swing building to building.

Along with having to gain the trust of millions of fans again, Sony’s creative team will have to come up with a new storyline, including never-before-seen villains, that does not rely on Tony Stark’s storyline and the Marvel Studios

franchise. Dani Malish, an upcoming columnist and filmmaker, took to Twitter. “Send your thoughts and prayers to the writers of the next Spider-Man film who have to creatively come up with a different [villain] motivation that doesn’t rely on Tony Stark.”

Even through this tragic divorce, fans hope Marvel knows that “we love them 3000,” and hope that Sony will use their “Spidey-senses” to make the right decisions with future movies.



Jones College student John Holder downloads Post Malone’s newly released album. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

SPORTS

Jones football to host Pearl River



Runningback Ladamian Webb scores one of his three touchdowns against Hinds. PHOTO BY RAYIA BILELLO

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Football is halfway through the regular season, as the Bobcats will host their homecoming game against divisional opponents and rival school, Pearl River Community College in another installment of the “Catfight” on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Bobcat Stadium at Sim Cooley Field.

After suffering losses at the hands of both Coahoma Community College in the season opener and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College weeks later, Jones is looking to regain their footing. They have put down teams such as a Hinds Community College squad that defeated the juggernaut that is East Mississippi

Community College. Jones also managed to steal two wins on the road against Holmes Community College and Southwest Community College. The team’s other wins came from games against Holmes Community College and Southwest Community College.

After their matchup with Pearl River, Jones will most likely see only one more nationally ranked competitor in Copiah-Lincoln Community College before the regular season comes to a close. Having already fallen very early in the season to two lesser teams, one can infer that Jones intends on winning out the rest of their games in order to compensate.

As of Jones’ rivalry with

Pearl River, an electric running back Kalyn Grandberry ran rampant over the opposing defense on their own turf, running for a staggering 173 yards on 20 carries for two touchdowns. To add on, he also had four receptions for 66 yards and another touchdown. However Jones is seemingly becoming more reliant on freshman running back Ladamian Webb this season, allowing him to run for over 100 yards against Holmes and Hinds. One can only wonder if Webb can replicate Grandberry’s success in this year’s “Catfight.”

As for the defensive side of the ball last year, Jones managed to hold Pearl River to a minuscule seven

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JONES COLLEGE SPORTS RECORDS

The Radionian staff will be keeping track of this month’s scores. In October, we will show football and soccer.

FOOTBALL	COAHOMA	10-18	MGCCC	14-20
	HOLMES	23-7	SOUTHWEST	34-6
	HINDS	31-7		
SOCCER	Men		Women	
	HINDS	4-1	HINDS	3-0
	ITAWAMBA	1-2	ASA MIAMI	0-1
	HOLMES	4-1	HOLMES	1-6
	MGCCC	0-2	MGCCC	4-0
	SOUTHWEST	9-1	SOUTHWEST	7-0
	MERIDIAN	3-0	MERIDIAN	7-0
	PEARL RIVER	0-4	PEARL RIVER	1-2
	LSU EUNICE	5-0	LSU EUNICE	2-3
	NORTHWEST	5-0	SMC	2-3
			DAYONA ST.	2-3
			NORTHWEST	3-0

NCAA athletes deserve to be paid



THE JONES ZONE
by Dylan Jones

Over many years, the topic of allowing college athletes to earn a profit off of their own likenesses, such as their names on a jersey or their identities in a video game, has always been a touchy subject.

While some people feel that paying athletes would take the heart and passion out of college sports, others might argue that it is only fair for a student-athlete to be allowed to collect revenue generated by their own name. At this point, the robbery of student-athletes by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) should be put to a halt, and here’s why.

Many people argue that the NCAA offering their athletes scholarships to attend its schools is enough payment. However, with the NCAA not allowing

players to accept any money from anyone who is not family, a player who is stuck far from home in pursuit of what they feel is best for their athletic career can be left out to dry.

After an athlete’s meal points for a semester have been depleted, food can be difficult to access. Being a college athlete is often seen as a job, and just like any real job, being a college athlete should pay something.

Another point to make when it comes to whether or not college athletes should be paid is that it already happens, whether it be by coaches, recruiters, or agents. If a player is good enough out of high school, recruiting methods that violate standards set by the NCAA will be swept under the rug. Coaches will pay players, despite these standards.

John Luchs, a former sports agent, did just that when he provided players with cash in order to advance

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Watts twins take on year two

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The No. 13 Jones College football team is having a good season, recently defeating Hinds with a score of 31-7. Members of the team include the Watts twins, both wide receivers for the Bobcats.

Sophomores Natorian “Duece” Watts and Nataurean “Phat” Watts, after a successful season as freshmen under their belts, have returned for their second year at Jones College. The Watts twins went to Richton and then transferred to Petal High school. They have been playing football for local teams in Richton and Petal

since they were six years old.

While going through the process of finding a school to continue their football and academic career, Jones College was on their mind. They’d always heard about JC, with it being nearby and its success often on the news. They said they saw how much love Coach Buckley and the coaching staff showed them, and they decided Jones was the place for them.

“It just feels like home here. Being here has made me a better man, person and athlete. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else,” said Natorian.

Nataurean agreed. “The coaching staff treated me



Watts brothers “Phat” (left) and “Duece” (right) pose side-by-side after practice. PHOTO BY BAILEY MORRIS

like their own. It felt like home here,” he said.

They are both currently committed to play at the University of Tulane after they graduate. Natorian’s

major is undecided, and Nataurean is majoring in Nuclear Engineering. Natorian credits Jones College on teaching him

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Critchell leads way for women’s soccer

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The Jones College Lady Bobcats soccer team has won three consecutive MACJC and Region 23 Tournament championships, and they plan on winning a fourth one this season with the help of Lucy Critchell.

International student athlete Lucy Critchell attended high school at Hall Mead in England. This is her second year to play at Jones College, but she has been playing for 12 years total. She started off at the age of eight and has played for teams such as Branfil and Hall Mead, Tigers Girls U8-U14, Millwall FC Academy, Essex

Academy, Essex County (District Level), Hutton Women, School Cricket teams, Upminster CC, and she also represented Essex County U14.

Critchell went to her sixth form college, Barking Abbey in Barking, England, for three years where she attended their football program. Barking Abbey has an association with the Jones coaching staff, which is how she found out about JC.

“I had a number of college scholarship offers, but following advice from my English football coach and having a chat with Coach Deasley, I felt that Jones offered me the best opportunities to progress



Lucy Critchell dribbles the ball down the pitch. PHOTO BY SHAWN WANSLEY


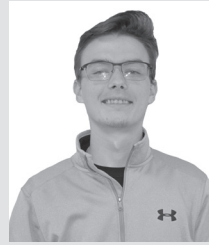


with my football,” Critchell has made her more independent and mature as a player and person.

Critchell believes that being away from home

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The Pick Six

This month our very own Radionian staff will be predicting games from NFL week 5 and local universities. The predictors will be Jordan Butler, Michael Blanks, Hannah Chaffee, Dylan Jones, Hannah Morgan, and Tori Ellis.

OCTOBER PREDICTIONS						
	Jordan Butler	Michael Blanks	Hannah Chaffee	Dylan Jones	Hannah Morgan	Tori Ellis
	Colts vs. Chiefs	Colts	Colts	Colts	Chiefs	Chiefs
	Buccaneers vs. Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints
Browns vs. 49ers	49ers	49ers	Browns	Browns	49ers	49ers
	Rams vs. Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Rams	Rams	Seahawks
	State vs. Tennessee	Tennessee	State	State	State	Tennessee
	Ole Miss vs. Vanderbilt	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Vanderbilt	Ole Miss

Environment can cause adverse effects to one’s mental health

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(Disclaimer: Subjects in article have chosen aliases to remain anonymous)

Mental health issues can be caused by environmental factors including someone’s home life, friends and family, and societal expectations and pressures. The stigma that surrounds mental health can in many ways keep victims from seeking help. On average, 46.6% of American adults will suffer from at least one mental illness in their lifetime. An estimated 50% of these adults will never receive treatment.

Juny Oliver—a sufferer of Anxiety and Attention Deficit Disorder—said that too often people keep their problems to themselves because they feel their problems don’t seem substantial.

“But if it’s a struggle for them, they shouldn’t have to feel less important,” Oliver said.

Oliver touched on the fact that this stigma also affects people that society

considers “perfect.” “Perfect” or “popular” people’s lives are usually on display more, causing these people to feel extra pressure to present themselves as perfect. Aria Ghellan—a sufferer of Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder—said that society expects you to be “drop-dead gorgeous” if you are popular.

This expectation causes people to compare themselves to strangers and friends alike to determine whether or not they appear good enough. In today’s society, people have been known to change their appearance or personality to fit in.

“Sometimes I see my friends dressed up and think ‘maybe that’ll help me fit in more,’” Ghellan said. She also explained that her mom would comment on what she wore, creating the first of many high standards from her family.

Unreachable standards established by family members lead to the build-up of pressure and

anxiety among teenagers.

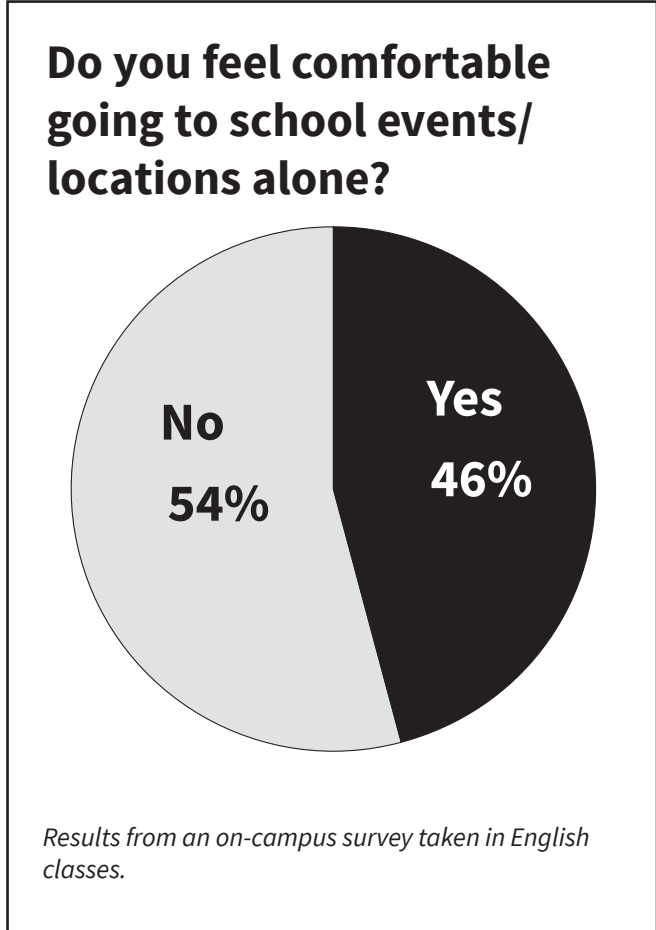
“You should not expect that your children will follow your standards all the time. Thinking that this will happen is unrealistic,” stated John A. Johnson, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Pennsylvania State University, in an online article.

This ongoing stress can cause mental and physical health problems, such as heart attacks, strokes and personality disorders.

These standards are prominent when families make jokes at each other’s expense. Usually this is all in good fun, but does it ever go too far? Oliver believes that hurtful jokes are damaging to one’s self-image.

“At first you’re like ‘oh, it’s whatever,’ but they keep saying it,” Oliver said. “It kind of makes you question ‘am I really like that?’ It makes you second guess who you think you are.”

The current generation makes plenty of jabs at their own mental health too. Both Ghellan and

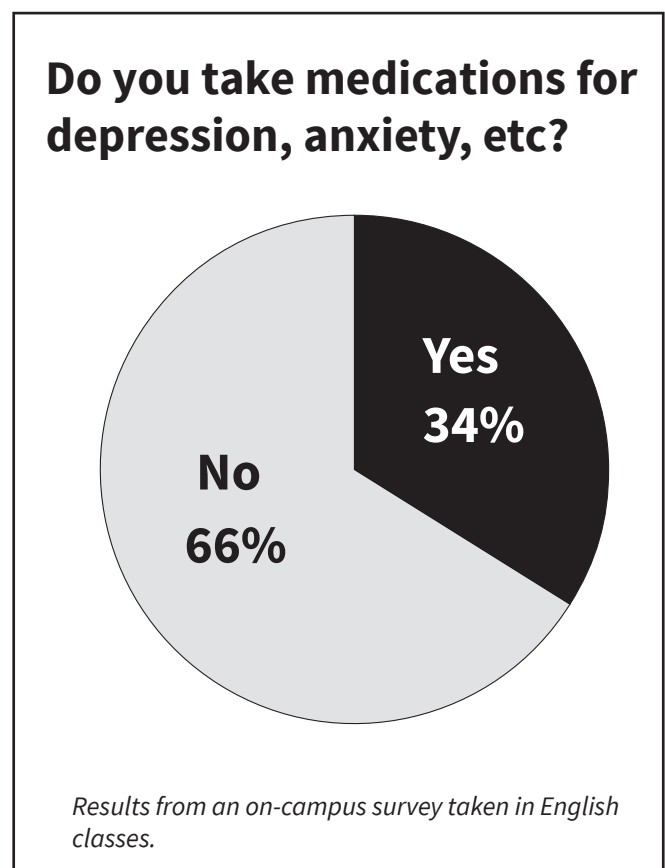


a result of mental health conversations being close to nonexistent in today’s society. Both Oliver and Ghellan revealed that neither one speaks about mental health with their family and only on rare occasions with their friends.

Communicating about mental health is essential in all types of successful relationships and a lack-of can result in a toxic relationship. Toxic relationships are destructive because they affect how participants view their worth. Oliver believes that these relationships can cause someone to second-guess all relationships, causing a strain in one’s mental health.

Overall, a healthy environment breeds a healthy mentality. Ghellan recommends surrounding oneself with positive influences to help get through the tough times. Oliver said her go-to happy environment includes supportive friends, ice cream and online shopping.

Statistics reveal anxiety, depression common in US



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Mental Health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel and act. Mental health can also affect how we communicate with others.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, one in five US adults experiences mental illness each year. One in 25 US adults experiences serious mental illness each year. One in six US youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.

According to the American Psychological Association, anxiety is an emotion characterized by feelings of tension, worried thoughts and physical changes like

increased blood pressure. People with anxiety disorders usually have recurring intrusive thoughts or concerns. They may avoid certain situations out of worry. They may also have physical symptoms such as trembling, dizziness or nausea.

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, the defining feature of social anxiety disorder is intense anxiety or fear of being judged, negatively evaluated, or rejected in a social or performance situation. People with a social anxiety disorder may worry about acting or appearing visibly anxious or being viewed as stupid, awkward or boring. When it comes to effectively communicating with

people, those with social anxiety can unintentionally freeze-up as a way to deal with the situation.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, depression is a common but serious mood disorder. It causes severe symptoms that affect how one feels, thinks, and handles daily activities, such as sleeping, eating or working.

When dealing with depression, people tend to have depressive thoughts that can make their symptoms worse (depressionnewoutlook.com). Also, when living with depression, one of the most challenging parts is dealing with the criticism and the stigma from the people who are closest to them. Their

loved ones do not fully understand what is going on, and their comments can make their loved one’s mental state worse.

Communication with someone with depression and their loved one can be a whole new level of complexity. The person with depression is so overwhelmed with their depressive thoughts that it becomes difficult to effectively communicate.

Mental health is more common than many people may think. Those suffering from any form of mental health should remember they are not alone, and it is okay to talk about it. For those who have a loved one dealing with mental health, try to communicate and remind the loved one that they are not alone in this battle.

Social media can affect self perception, esteem

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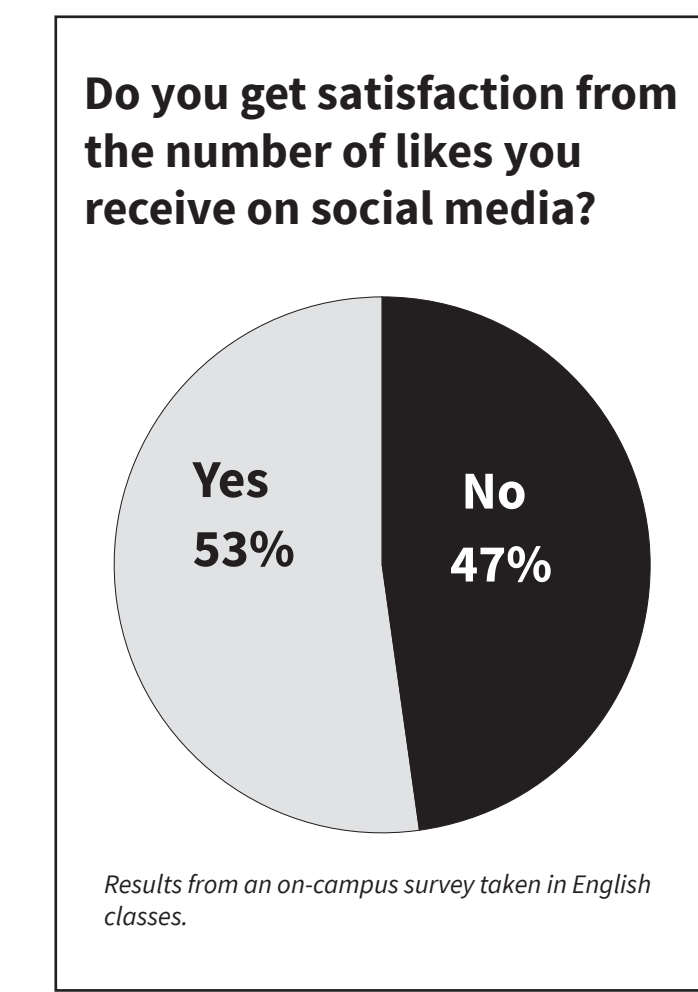
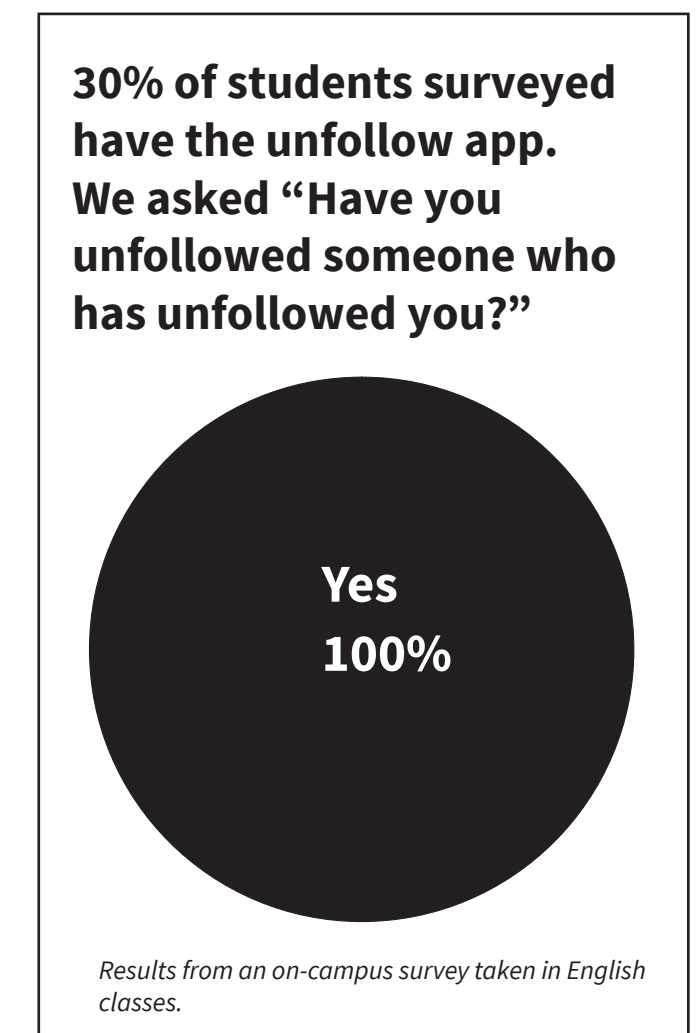
Social media plays a crucial role in how people view themselves and others. The society that is generated by social media sets standards of perfection that only hide the truth. As mental health is becoming a bigger topic of discussion, social media should be taken into consideration as contributing to some of society’s issues.

People have a tendency of only wanting to show their best aspects on social media. Applications like VSCO and Facetune allow users to edit pictures of themselves so that they can be perceived as perfect. This type of media is only celebrated as many social media “influencers” make millions for using apps in order to make their lives seem perfect even when life is everything but. When people see these influencers and celebrities living their

perfect life, they tend to subconsciously want to emulate them. These influential people tend to have a very young audience, which only causes kids to get involved in social media much sooner than they should.

Many people feel as if their significance as a person is tied to the amount of followers that they have or the likes that they receive. This can have adverse effects on a person’s self-esteem, causing them to delete pictures of themselves if they don’t reach some set number that will make them feel validated. Some people have apps that allow them to track whenever people unfollow them. Unfortunately social media causes people to try to quantify how much people actually care about them and letting numbers rule their self-esteem and self-worth.

People are starting to realize the effects that social media can have



on their relationships and learning from it. Out of 30 Jones College students, 26 said that

they would be willing to delete all of their social media if it meant that they could have better

mental health. Out of the four who responded otherwise, the main reason for not wanting to

do so was simply because it was the only way they kept up with their loved ones.

Convocation

Freshmen students attended the annual convocation on September 12, which was held in the basketball gym at 5 p.m. Guest speaker was speech instructor John Burks. After the talk, the drum line came into the gym and, along with the band, led faculty and students to the football field to watch the game pre-show. All students who participated received a t-shirt and were treated to a variety of vendors for a free meal. Vendors included Papa John's, Bosun Joe's, Chik Fil A, as well as many more. Photos: top right, students participate in convocation. Right, Jansen Parker and John Burks hype up the crowd by dancing to the drum line. Far right, Burks addresses the students. PHOTOS BY KARMEN DAVIDSON



Football

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points on only 20 passing yards and 102 rushing yards. This year, even amidst the disappointing season opener, the defensive unit is showing out once again. Players such as sophomore linebacker Daylin Gill and sophomore defensive

back J.D. Rutherford have certainly done their part, as both players currently lead the team in total tackles. Rutherford showed anticipation for the game, ..saying, "I believe that it's a good game between two good schools, and having played in it before gives me something to look forward to even more this

year." While the game is currently scheduled to be held on Saturday at Bobcat Stadium at Sim Cooley Field, anyone who won't be able to attend can keep track of the game by watching on jcjc.tv, listening along on the radio station SuperTalk 99.3 FM or by following the box score on njcaa.org.

Twins

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how to carry himself with class and to be more responsible. The thing that he loves most about JC is that the people are kind and supportive. He said he'll never forget how

everyone loves the game, whether teammates, fans, students or coaches. Nataurean credits Jones to teaching him how to meet new people in life and be outgoing. He has met a lot of lifelong friends here, and he said he'll never forget about the bonds he made with

his teammates. What he loves most is that everyone is active around campus, and it is a family environment so everyone is there for one another no matter what. So far JC is 2-2 on the season, 1-1 in the MACJC South Division.

Critchell

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She said that being at Jones and meeting other students has increased her awareness of the world and different cultures. She has learned discipline in what it takes to be the best athlete, to diet right, to keep her fitness levels up, to

have the proper mental attitude, and to be a role model for future athletes and soccer players. "The community spirit and being inclusive, especially towards international students, is what I love most about Jones," Critchell said. After Jones, Critchell plans on attending a university where she will continue her soccer

career and academic studies in psychology. Critchell's most memorable moment at Jones was winning state and regional finals. Being a part of the Jones College soccer program has pushed her to be the best athlete she can be. Catch Critchell and the team at their next home game, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. against Southwest.

JCJC blood drive



The Fall blood drive was held Sept. 23-25 (story on p. 2). Pictured are, top left, Jones employee Sarita Mills, and, above, students Sidney Hicks and, left, Rebecca Henning. A holiday blood drive will be held before the end of the semester. PHOTOS BY BAILEY MORRIS

Pop Culture

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Luckily, pop culture's impact on mental health is taking a turn for the better. While it was customary for fashion models to have a specific body type, both slim and plus-sized models are becoming more embraced. Movies and

TV shows are becoming more racially and ethnically diverse (which helps alleviate minorities feeling isolated) while also portraying a true depiction of what mental illness is really like. Musicians and artists like Billie Eilish, Bazzi and Lauren Sanderson are embracing the discussion of their mental health and how important it is

to acknowledge one's own mental state. While scrolling social media for hours is usually not a way to positively impact one's mental health, some posts are crushing the idea that mental health is something we should ignore. However, we should still actively keep a check on what emotions we are experiencing and why.

Immigration

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According to CNN, the children of these undocumented immigrants were left to rely on strangers for food, water and shelter. The children of these migrant workers were picked up from school, shocked and confused. They were brought

to makeshift shelters, including a gym in Forrest, Mississippi. There are videos across the internet showing children pleading to the US government to let their mothers and fathers go. It appears President Trump believes undocumented immigrants, mainly those of Hispanic descent, are criminals and all they are

doing is bringing crime to America. During his campaign run, President Trump said, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you. They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume,

are good people." According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, among black victims, 63 percent of violent victimizations were committed by black offenders, 11 percent by white offenders and 7 percent by Hispanic offenders. Among white victims, 57 percent of victimizations were committed by white offenders, 15 percent

by black offenders and 11 percent by Hispanic offenders. Among Hispanic victims, 40 percent of violent victimizations were committed by Hispanic offenders, 20 percent by white offenders and 20 percent by black offenders. Crimes are committed every day by horrible people. The race and legal status of said person do not matter when it comes to

crimes committed. Immigrants are here to provide for their families and create a better life. The United States is a land of economic opportunity. Immigrants want to live the "American Dream" that America is famous for. One day this dream might be achieved, but unfortunately, right now it is just that - a dream.

Voting

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the primary election, but it was such a simple process that I look back and laugh now," said freshman student, James Collins. "There is really no excuse not to

vote, because there are volunteers that will help you or even pick you up and drive you to your local voting station." "It would be wise and advised to do your research before voting. These candidates are the voice of our community and a

representation of our state, and you may not care now but what about in four years?" said Collins. Having the power to vote should be an honor and is part of the freedom that comes with being an American citizen. This is the chance to have your voice

heard and be in charge of your future, as well as your community's future. To find a place to vote and check that all registration is up to date, visit nass.com, as well as finding absentee ballot information for those students who may be from out of town.

Raid

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made the trip. Luckily, no one was severely injured, other than a few people who were dehydrated. Alien

fanatics wore masks and tin-foil hats to take photos with the guards standing in front of the gate. Others helped set up a stage for a band to play. While anxiously waiting for any major events to be

reported, nothing too out of the ordinary seemed to happen. To the amazement of the public, those who passed the gate were "arrested" and received a stern talking-to by police officers. If there is one thing for

certain, "raid goers" are happy for the U.S. Air Force's cooperation and are hoping for more people to show up next year. As the description of the Facebook group states, "let's see them aliens," and hopefully next year they will.

Music

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but you know they're going to take advantage of each

chance. The album closes with the hit "Wow" which was released before the album's debut, and brilliantly conveys the artist's musical abilities.

IT

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in the movie, it perfectly portrays the message that, more often than not, you have to confront your (sometimes literal) demons, accept what has happened at face value, and move on. For the characters facing the relentless taunting and brutal

escapades of Pennywise, this means embracing what they went through in their childhood. The film utilizes all aspects of horror to the fullest extent, making it a truly blood-curdling vision to witness. "IT Chapter Two" is still in theaters, and don't worry - Pennywise is just dying to see how afraid you really get.

JCJC's Most Beautiful Pageant

Thursday, Nov. 14 @ 7 p.m.
Fine Arts Auditorium

Entry applications will be accepted beginning mid-October. Look to This Week at Jones for more information.

SGA

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involved in either organizing or participating in campus activities. If you have any ideas that will make Jones or its student life better, don't hesitate on letting us know!"

to be SGA will always be a special organization for all students. This group is highly recommended for freshmen who are wary about joining the abundance of groups that Jones offers. This student-focused group serves as a support system for the entire community.